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TOPIC Troop Trains at the Haldensleben Railroad Station

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REMARKS

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1. The following military shipments from the direction of Magdebourg were observed at the Haldensleben railroad station between 26 April and 7 May 1954:

26 April. At 10:10 a.m. numerous trucks [redacted] which were unloaded in Haldensleben and left toward north.

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At 7 p.m. numerous trucks [redacted]

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At 8 p.m., 15 to 20 trucks [redacted] and several boxcarloads of troops.

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27 April. At 5:30 a.m., 15 to 20 trucks [redacted] and 5 to 8 BA-64 armored scout cars.

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At 10 a.m., numerous trucks [redacted] and several 57-mm AT guns.

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At noon, 5 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] 3 JSU-122 guns, [redacted] 15 to 20 trucks [redacted] and 6 boxcars. The train proceeded to Hillersleben.

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28 April. At 8:30 a.m., numerous trucks [redacted] and 14 boxcars including some occupied by troops.

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3 May. At 6 a.m., JS-3 tanks [redacted] 1 JSU-122 gun, T-34 tanks [redacted] 3 repair shop trucks, and 3 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The shipment proceeded to Hillersleben.

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At 5:50 p.m., 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, 5 personnel carriers, 12 sidecar motorcycles, 2 radio trucks, and about 15 boxcarloads of troops. The shipment proceeded toward Oebisfelde.

At 8:15 p.m., T-34 tanks [redacted] and 1 truck.

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4 May. At 11:30 a.m., JS-3 tanks [redacted] JSU-122 guns [redacted] 1 truck and 1 boxcarload of troops.

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At 3:30 p.m., about 16 heavy SP guns. The two last mentioned shipments proceeded to Hillersleben.

7 May. Three T-34 tanks, 3 SU-100 guns and 2 boxcarloads of troops.

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2. At 10:20 a.m. on 6 May, a shipment including T-34 tanks [redacted] and 2 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was observed entering Haldensleben from the direction of Hillersleben.

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Comment. Information in paragraph 1 continues information on the arrival of troops in the south section of Letzling Heath which started on 25 April. [redacted] the shipments observed prior to 28 April involved units of the 7th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] arrival of elements of the 19th Gds Mech Div, the departure of which from Magdeburg had been reported on the same day. [redacted] 2 shipments of units of the 7th Gds Tank Div went from Dessau to Haldensleben on 7 May. [redacted]. The information tends to indicate that some of the trains observed after 3 May carried exclusively tank firing details, which probably belonged to units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army as [redacted], similar shipments had gone to Haldensleben from Eoerswalde and Templin on 3 May. Train [redacted] from Templin also carried T-34 tanks [redacted] and 1 truck. [redacted]. According to information in paragraph 3 of the present report, this unit apparently returned on 6 May.

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